

VZCZCXRO4286  
PP RUEHBW  
DE RUEHMD #0450 1130829  
ZNY CCCCC ZZH  
P 220829Z APR 08  
FM AMEMBASSY MADRID  
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4641  
INFO RUEHZG/NATO EU COLLECTIVE PRIORITY  
RUEHAH/AMEMBASSY ASHGABAT PRIORITY 0028  
RUEHTA/AMEMBASSY ASTANA PRIORITY 0003  
RUEHKB/AMEMBASSY BAKU PRIORITY 0012  
RUEHEK/AMEMBASSY BISHKEK PRIORITY 0050  
RUEHCH/AMEMBASSY CHISINAU PRIORITY 0028  
RUEHDBU/AMEMBASSY DUSHANBE PRIORITY  
RUEHKV/AMEMBASSY KYIV PRIORITY 0025  
RUEHMO/AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY 0912  
RUEHNT/AMEMBASSY TASHKENT PRIORITY 0038  
RUEHYE/AMEMBASSY YEREVAN PRIORITY 0010  
RUEHSI/AMEMBASSY TBILISI PRIORITY 0056  
RUEHSW/AMEMBASSY BERN PRIORITY 2962  
RUEHBS/USEU BRUSSELS PRIORITY  
RUEHVEN/USMISSION USOSCE PRIORITY 0171  
RUEHNO/USMISSION USNATO PRIORITY 1532  
RUCNDT/USMISSION USUN NEW YORK PRIORITY 0429

C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 000450

SIPDIS

SIPDIS

USOSCE FOR TRAUB

E.O. 12958: DECL: 04/22/2018

TAGS: [PREL](#) [PBTS](#) [GG](#) [RS](#) [SP](#)

SUBJECT: SPAIN AGREES ON "CREEPING ANNEXATION"

REF: STATE 40673

Classified By: DCM Hugo Llorens for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) DCM delivered reftel demarche on discouraging Russia from upgrading relations with Abkhazia and South Ossetia to Spanish Political Director Rafael Dezcallar April 21. Dezcallar said that Spain agrees with the U.S. and Georgian position and is itself very concerned about the Russian actions. Spain fully supports the EU common statement and position. DCM asked whether the GOS would be willing to weigh in bilaterally with the GOR on the issues, and Dezcallar replied that he would do so but not immediately. He said Spain would raise the point at an appropriate time in a future meeting with the Russians, and he undertook to inform DCM after doing so.  
AGUIRRE